

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	EP 1 153 999 A (SHOWA DENKO KABUSHIKI KAISHA) 14 November 2001 (2001-11-14) page 1, line 47 - page 5, line 20 page 5, line 56 - page 6, line 8; example 5	1-12, 23, 24
A	US 2003/181329 A1 (TANAKA JUN ET AL) 25 September 2003 (2003-09-25) page 7, paragraph 128 - paragraph 132 page 8, paragraph 138 - paragraph 139 page 12, paragraph 194 - paragraph 198 page 14, paragraph 221 - paragraph 225 page 15, paragraph 241 - paragraph 243; examples 2-4	1-24

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P,A	<p>WO 2004/014986 A (SHOWA DENKO K. K; SANBAYASHI, MASAYUKI; TANAKA, JUN) 19 February 2004 (2004-02-19) page 10, line 9 - page 16, line 19 page 17, line 26 - page 19, line 22 page 23, line 16 - line 37; examples 3,9-12</p>	1-24

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: partially 1-5
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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Claims Nos.: partially 1-5

Present independent claim 1 relates to an extremely large number of possible composition. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compositions claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compositions of claim 1 in which the photocatalytic particles are those particles disclosed in claim 6, their preparation and use.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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